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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

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1. (previously amended) A brush for cleaning purposes comprising:
 - an elongate block;
 - a spigot extending laterally from the block;
 - a handle secured to the spigot; and
 - a plurality of outwardly-extending bristles secured to the block, including bristles on a region of block surrounding the spigot which bristles extend in the direction of the spigot towards the handle.
 2. (original) A brush according to claim 1 wherein the block is of generally cylindrical form.
 3. (original) A brush according to claim 2 wherein the block has part-spherical or hemispherical ends.
 4. (original) A brush according to claim 1 wherein the spigot is unitarily formed with the block.
 5. (original) A brush according to claim 1 wherein the handle is formed with a recess within a recess within which the spigot is fitted.
 6. (original) A brush according to claim 5 wherein the handle is secured to the spigot by

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means of a pin.

7. (withdrawn) A method of manufacture of a brush having a block of elongate form defining a plurality of bristle-receiving recesses therein, and a spigot extending laterally from the block, comprising the steps of:
- i) gripping the spigot in a movably-mounted clamp;
 - ii) sequentially aligning each recess with a bristle-inserting tool and forcing a clump of bristles into that recess; and
 - iii) securing a handle to the spigot.
8. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 7 wherein the clamp is mounted to allow rotation about two perpendicular axes.
9. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 7 wherein the clamp is adapted to hold the block in a manner whereby at least half the block is exposed.
10. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 7 wherein step ii) is carried out with the block held in a first orientation, followed by a second orientation opposite to said first orientation.
11. (withdrawn) A method according to claim 7 wherein the clamp comprises a scissor-like structure movable between an open position in which the spigot can be fitted or removed from the clamp and a closed position in which the spigot is firmly gripped therein.
12. (New) A brush for cleaning purposes comprising:
- an elongate block of generally cylindrical form;
 - a spigot extending radially from the block, part way along its length;

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a handle secured to the spigot; and

a plurality of outwardly-extending bristles secured to the block, including bristles on a region of the block adjacent the spigot, said bristles extending generally in the direction of the spigot toward the handle.

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